Y3 A Or An

KS2 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

a or an: '___ astronaut'

Step 1 · Look at the first letter of the next word

astronaut starts with a

Step 2 · a is a vowel, so use an

an astronaut

Answer: an astronaut

Check: Say it aloud: 'an astronaut' is smooth. 'a astronaut' is hard to say.

2. Now try one with the steps

a or an: '___ rabbit'

Step 1 · First letter of the next word

Step 2 · r is a consonant, so use a

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Write a or an: ___ apple

2. Write a or an: ___ dog

3. Write a or an: ___ egg

4. Write a or an: ___ pencil

5. Write a or an: ___ insect

6. Write a or an: ___ octopus

7. List the five vowel letters.

8. Write a or an: ___ ugly duckling

9. Write a or an: ___ big elephant

10. Write a or an: ___ amazing goal

11. Correct the mistake: 'I saw a owl in the tree.'

12. Correct the mistake: 'Mum bought an new coat.'

13. Write a or an: ___ hour (the h is silent)

14. Write a sentence that uses both 'a' and 'an'.

4. Before you hand it in

'a elephant', 'a apple'
an elephant, an apple. Say it aloud: an makes it easier to say.

'an big apple'
a big apple (big starts with b).

Using 'an' with every word starting with u, like 'an unicorn'.

a unicorn, a uniform. This is a challenge spelling, so trust your ears.